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~~program to control the operations of the scanner; and~~  
an output port electrically connected to the control unit  
for connecting to at least one of different types of  
portable storage devices;

wherein when the scanning module finishes scanning a  
document, the control unit converts the image data of the  
document according to the type of storage device that is  
connected to the output port and then transmits the image  
data converted by the control unit to the storage device.

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6. ~~(Amended) A scanner comprising:~~

a casing;

a scanning module installed inside the casing for scanning  
a document and generating corresponding image data;

15 a control unit installed in the casing, the control unit  
comprising at least a memory for storing a control  
program and the image data generated from the scanning  
module, and a processor for executing the control  
program to control the operations of the scanner;

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20 an output port electrically connected to the control unit  
for connecting to an external portable storage device;  
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a printer port electrically connected to the control unit  
for connecting to an external printer;

25 wherein when the scanning module finishes scanning a  
document, the control unit converts the image data of the  
document and then transmits the image data converted by  
the control unit to the storage device via the output port,  
or converts the image data of the document and then  
30 transmits the image data converted by the control unit to  
the printer via the printer port for printing.